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TAGS: GATT, ETRD, EFIN

SUBJ: GATT PANELS ON TAX PRACTICES

REF: STATE 164800

1. ON BASIS PAST EXPERIENCE, WE BELIEVE IF SAHLGREN SHOULD BE APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF PANELS HE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE PRIMARY AIM OF FINDING SOLUTION OR OTHER COURSE OF ACTION ACCEPTABLE TO PARTIES CONCERNED, PROVIDED OF COURSE SUCH LINE NOT UNREASONABLE OR INJURIOUS TO OTHERS. IN OTHER WORDSHE TENDS PREFER ROLE PRIMARILY AS ARBITER RATHER THAN JUDGE.

2. SUBSTANCE BUT NOT VERBATIM TEXT OF STATEMENT STATE 146540 WAS GIVEN. POINTS ONE AND TWO PARA 2 REFTEL WERE MADE BY U.S. BUT NEITHER AGREED NOR DIRECTLY CHALLENGED BY EC IN COUNCIL. EC DID NOT TAKE EXCEPTION TO SECOND POINT WHICH WAS INCLUDED IN U.S. NOTES GIVEN TO THEM BEFORE COUNCIL AS BASIS OF AGREEMENT, BUT TENOR OF EC REP REMARKS AT VARIOUS TIMES CAN HARDLY BE CONSTRUED AS ACCEPTANCE OF FIRST POINT. (THIS POINT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN U.S. NOTES, WHICH WERE BASED ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STATE 144469.)

3. EC REP DID NOT RESIST INTRODUCTION OF OTHER TAX PRACTICES DURING
DISC EXAMINATION, AS REPORTED GENEVA 4044, SAYING DELEGATES
WOULD BE FREE TO USE ANY LINE OF ARGUMENTATION THEY CONSIDER
APPROPRIATE WHEN APPEARING BEFORE PANEL. SO FAR AS WE KNOW
RESISTANCE OR RESERVED POSITION OF THREE MEMBER COUNTRIES
IS INTENDED SIMPLY TO MAINTAIN THEIR POSITIONS THAT DISC AND THEIR
TAX PRACTICES ARE SEPARATE IN SUBSTANCE AND IN THISPROCEDURE. WE
HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THEY FEAR PREMATURE CONSIDERATION OF
COMPLAINTS AGAINST THEM SINCE WE HAVE AGREED THEY WOULD BE
CONSIDERED AS SUCH BY PANEL ONLY AFTER DISC.BASSIN

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